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Atty Docket No: **HOPE-P001**

Client Ref:

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**HOPE *et al.***

**Application No: 09/382,088**

**Filed: August 24, 1999**

**TITLE: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR PROTECTING ORGANS, TISSUE AND  
CELLS FROM IMMUNE SYSTEM-  
MEDIATED DAMAGE**

Examiner: **GERALD R. EWOLDT**

Art Unit: **1644**

Confirmation No: **4793**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal with appropriate extensions was filed on October 10, 2006. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months;
  - 2) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE); and
  - 3) A request for Change of Correspondence Address.
- Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.